MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The Assistant Inspector visited the school once in 1104 and twice in 1105. The school was not visited by the Chief Inspector in 1104 and 1105.

(*b*) A report was received by the Director of Public Instruction in Tulam 1106 from the Inspector of Vernacular Schools about the unsafe condition of the school house. The Director's report was received by Government on the 7th March 1931.

(*c*) The building consists of two blocks. Both blocks were used in 1104. One block and a private building are being used now.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The matter is receiving the attention of Government.

Pandalam-Aranmula road.

141. MR. TAMARAPALLIL KOCHUTOMMAN (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the year in which they took over under their management, the road leading from Pandalam to Aranmula;

(*b*) whether they received any complaints or representations from the people of the locality about the difficult nature of this road for traffic;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, when the first of these representations was received by them ;

(*d*) the total number of representations received by them till now (10-4-1106); and

(*e*) the action taken by them till now on these representations?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The road has been under departmental maintenance since 1096 as a village road and was transferred under cart tracks from 1102.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) In 1898, so far as traceable.

(*d*) About 26 so far as traceable, besides representations made n the Assembly.

(*e*) Estimates have been prepared and sanctioned ; and as a result, most of the culverts have been constructed.

Bridge across the Chirayinkil canal near Kadakam.

142. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the bridge across the Chirayinkil canal near Kadakam is completed ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No. The work is in progress. The abutments are built up and the R. C. piles are moulded. Steps are taken to sink the piles.

Opening of a road between the bridge across the Chirayinkil canal near Kadakam and the Sarkara road.

143. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any step has been taken for constructing the road between the bridge across the Chirayinkil canal near Kadakam and the Sarkara road near the Sarkara bridge?

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MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No. There is no proposal to construct a road. There is an existing foot-path which is being used by the pedestrians.

Necessity for opening a First Class Magistrate's Court at Shertallai.

144. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Tahsildar, Shertallai taluk, had not been invested with the powers of a First Class Magistrate till the re-distribution of taluks;

(*b*) whether representations have not been made in the Popular Assembly and in the Legislative Council for re-establishing a First Class Magistrate's Court there as of old;

(*c*) whether they have taken any action thereon till now (8-4-1106);

(*d*) whether the District Magistrate, Kottayam, the Excise Commissioner, or the Commissioner of Police has recently made any recommendation to them for opening immediately a First Class Magistrate's Court at Shertallai;

(*e*) if so, whether they have taken any action in the matter till now; and

(*f*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, the nature of the action taken and the stage at which the matter is at present?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The question was under consideration.

(*d*) The District Magistrate, Kottayam, recommended that the local Tahsildar might be invested with First Class Magisterial powers.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) The Tahsildar, Shertallai taluk, has been invested with First Class Magisterial powers and the necessary Notification has been published in the Gazette.

Appointment of Mr. Pichu Aiyangar as Personal Assistant to the Commissioner of Police.

145. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): With reference to the answer to Question No. 100, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 24th January 1930, *viz.*, "there were several matters in his office which the Commissioner himself had to attend to, but owing to more important and urgent work he could not attend to them in time." (page 274 of Vol. XVI of the Council Proceedings), will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what those matters were which were attended to by the Commissioner of Police himself and those attended to by his Personal Assistant; and

(*b*) why the appointment of the Personal Assistant said to be temporary is still (18-4-1106) continuing?

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